

Board expected to change high school curriculum

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Students at Belleville High School could see a new curriculum next year if members of the Van Buren school board approve proposed changes on Monday.

If approved at the Dec. 12 school board meeting, the changes would include the switch from a six to a seven period school day with 50-minute classes each, increased opportunities for students to enroll in up to 15 elective credit units opposed to 10, an increase of "non-traditional" interaction between students and staff, changes in the graduation requirements and a six-level academic intervention plan for at-risk students.

"The goal is to create an environment in the school where teachers become whole educators so students can understand that the staff is here for them not just as teachers on a narrow subject," said Kevin Kelly, principal. "Currently, 27.7 percent of students fail on our classes per semester, which is unacceptable. We need to have some way of assisting these students before failure occurs. These aren't just things we came up with, these ideas are time tested."

School officials want to reduce course failures by 20 percent by the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year, he said.

Many of the restructuring concepts come from national educational consultants Richard and Rebecca DuFour, according to

Ray Gross, director of instruction for the Van Buren School District.

"We've been talking about these changes for a long time, but it's all coming together now," he said. "It's really a great idea based on a lot of current research and thinking. It's more than updating, it's really student centered and puts a lot on the students to create a better bond for them. The proposal really lays it out for quite a while."

As part of the academic intervention plan, students will take part in seminars for new students

and incoming freshmen; course corrections if failure arises; tutoring services; an additional rebuilding seminar and evasive action if students are still failing classes.

Teachers would also see more common collaboration periods to improve the effectiveness of instruction, according to Kelly.

"Teachers of common subjects would have two hours per week

to work on student achievement and success," he said. "Staff will be in the hallways, supervising the cafeteria and detention rooms, all over as part of the non-traditional student interaction time."

Costs for the plan include a staff increase of about six to 10 more teachers, but there will be no material increases or costs, Kelly said.

Gas pumps OK'd at new Costco

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

While it is virtually certain that Costco Wholesale will construct a new warehouse store in Canton next year, the site developer was emphatic that the township allow the retailer to build a fueling facility.

"If this is going to be an issue, we need to address this right now, because we have to have a fueling facility at this location for the numbers to work for us," said Ted Johnson at the regular meeting of the planning commission Nov. 21. Johnson's firm, TJ Design Strategies, is overseeing planning and development of the proposed site, on the south side of Michigan Avenue at Belleville Road.

Planning commissioners voted unanimously to approve the preliminary planned development district request for Costco, but not without a discussion about what a fueling facility might mean for future development as the Michigan Avenue corridor transitions to commercial use.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said she looked forward to having Costco in the township, but said the commission should address whether permitting installation of gas pumps would set a negative precedent for the commercial district.

"If we open a gas station up here—and I don't necessarily have any feelings for or against it at this point—but if we open a gas station up here we're going to have other big boxes coming in down on Michigan Avenue who are going to say... 'We want to offer gas to our customers,'" said McLaughlin.

The township has been averse to adding new gas stations to the several that already exist. It didn't allow Kroger to install pumps when it opened on Michigan

Avenue, and according to McLaughlin, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club on Ford Road have been "chomping at the bit for the last two years" to add fueling facilities.

"Do we want to add this kind of caveat to the C-3 area?" asked McLaughlin.

The township is preparing to rezone the Costco site from industrial use to C-3 Regional Commercial, which disallows new gas stations. As an alternative, Costco is using the Planned Development District (PDD) process, which lets a developer incorporate other uses in return for an agreed upon benefit to the community.

Costco proposed benefits include the redevelopment of the site, which is currently owned by an industrial concrete company. And the jobs Costco will provide are thought to be one of its greatest benefits. An entry-level clerk makes \$10 an hour, and within five years can make \$40,000 annually, according to Brian Whelan, who conducted a Canton market study for Costco.

Johnson said he was willing to consider adjustments in the elevation of a proposed Costco site, including adding more brick to the front of the building and ensuring that rooftop HVAC units would be hidden by parapets.

But he stood firm when McLaughlin pressed him on the fill-up station: "So, effectively, if you were denied a gas station, then you wouldn't come at all?" she asked.

"Very likely," said Johnson.

The pumps would only be used by warehouse members. They are also only open during business hours and do not take cash.

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Five robberies under investigation by police

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus police are investigating four separate, unrelated burglary complaints that occurred within the last 10 days.

All of the complaints are the result of forced entry into residential homes, and nearly all of the victims sustained the loss of personal property and damage to their homes, police said.

The first larceny was reported on Nov. 25. A homeowner reported that someone broke into his home on the 28000 block of Goddard Road and stole a \$200 radio, some audio equipment and several other items.

Police arrived on the scene

and said the equipment was possibly taken through a window or through a storm door. The home was not damaged in the incident.

Another burglary took place on Nov. 26 on Beverly Street in an apartment at one of the Romulus Public Housing complexes, according to reports. Housing officials reported that someone broke into an unoccupied unit and stole the furnace and hot water heater.

Officer at the scene investigated and noted that the items were most likely taken through the back door because of a trail of water that led from the unit to the door. Police believe the water dripped from the hot water heater.

The value of the furnace and hot water heater is about \$1,000, according to estimates from the housing administration.

On Nov. 27 a burglary was reported on Sidney Street. The homeowners returned from a trip to discover their home was burglarized. Jewelry estimated be worth \$6,000 was taken, along with DVDs and a handgun registered to the father of one of the victims.

According to the report, the homeowners arrived to find their doors locked, but did not immediately realize they were the victims of a burglary until they noticed some of their belongings were not as they left them. They did tell officers that they noticed

a spare key was missing after an acquaintance stopped by for a visit.

Another couple came home on Nov. 28 to find their apartment door kicked but apparently found no items missing from the apartment. However, the door of the apartment was damaged.

A robbery during the evening hours of Nov. 29 on Herman Street was also investigated. The complainant told Ofc. Paul Kline that he had spent several weeks remodeling the home and had finally finished on Nov. 28. He returned to the home the next day at about 4:15 p.m. and discovered the door handle damaged. When he made entry into the home, he discovered saws and

some tool cases missing from the bedroom.

He told Kline that nothing else appeared to be damaged in the home, which was vacant except for his construction equipment.

In all of the cases except for the Sidney Street robbery, there are no suspects, and the cases are closed unless more information is obtained. Police also did not recover any fingerprints from those scenes, according to reports.

However, police are looking at a suspect for the Sidney Street robbery.

Anyone with information about the cases is asked to call the Romulus Police Department at (734) 942-6887.

New In Brief

Pets primp for Santa

Dogs, cats and other exotic creatures will be able to meet with Santa at Fluff-n-Puff Pet Grooming from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11.

In addition to positive stroking, pets will get a chance to have their picture taken with Santa and tell the big guy what they like to see in their toy box this Christmas. Pictures are \$5 each, or two for \$9. Fifty percent of the money will benefit the effort to build a new Romulus Animal Shelter. Fluff-n-Puff is located at 36522 Goddard Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 229-0005.

Second Monday book club announced

The Romulus Public Library has scheduled the "Second Monday Book Club," which will also include an opportunity to discuss the book.

The book club selection for January is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, the February selection is "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother" by James McBride, March's selection is "Dearly Devoted Dexter"

by Jeff Lindsay, April's selection is "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, May's selection is "Beautiful Jim Key" by Mim Eicher Rivas, and June's selection is "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris.

The book club will meet on the second Monday of each month from 7-8:15 p.m. to discuss the selection. The library will have several copies of the books on-hand to lend. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

Christmas dinner planned

A free Christmas dinner will be served at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

The dinner will be a traditional family holiday. The complimentary dinner will be served from 3-7 p.m. Transportation is available for housebound persons, or those without access to a vehicle.

Dinner organizers require that residents register by Dec. 14.

The church is located at 29066 Eton St. in Westland. To register, make transportation arrangements or ask questions, call the church at (734) 729-1840.



Baking cookies

The Barth Elementary "Cookie Club" invited guests to enjoy their sweets at a recent holiday gathering. The Cookie Club is a group of students from special education teacher Jeff Legg's class who bake and sell their own cookies to fund various classroom activities. Invited guests included School Board Member Ken Mientkiewicz (center), who is pictured here (left to right) with students Kenny Hamilton, Aleki Helton, Robert Brown and Legg.

Assault - Driver denies wrong doing in alleged assault

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son on the shuttle.

Then according to the police report, the driver grabbed the woman and proceeded to kiss her despite her protests. She pulled away, got off the bus, and driver drove off in the shuttle, she told police.

Romulus Police Ofc. Matt Krol interviewed the man at the Kwik Park the next day. He admitted to having a conversation with the woman but said he never asked her for a date. He recalled her needing to get her keys. But denied purposefully passing her row in the parking lot and said he never touched the complainant.

Because of the lack of corroborating evidence the police have closed the case but will reopen it if any verifiable details emerged. The woman filed a complaint with the operators of the Kwik Park lot.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Romulus Detective Bureau at (734) 942-6887.

Plan - City struggles with costs

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be to pay the organization for an actuarial study. That would determine how much money is in the pension account, and how those funds would fit into a variety of plans. MERS also allows employees who have worked in a MERS-affiliated city to count all of their years in the plan toward their retirement.

The plans can be tailored to fit a variety of needs, and include cost of living increase provisions, and early retirement and buyout options smaller municipalities often cannot afford.

Any changes to move the funds would need to be a part of collective bargaining between the city and union officials. A final vote of the city union membership would be required to approve any plan.

Crout said it's often better to deal with associated costs before they hit a crisis point.

"The council has done a good job of keeping things afloat, but we're obligated to keep looking at things like this, and to keep serving the public," he said.

It's not clear if the city has discussed consolidating its pension funds in the past. The city has not yet scheduled any talks scheduled regarding pensions.

Miller - Letter not illegal according to state-election polls

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Miller asked to rescind the resignation.

The letter also accused Miller of having "frequent outbursts" and of being, "unreliable, self-serving and vindictive," and "defective and unqualified to hold public office." The letter also accused Miller of plotting to give up his seat, if re-elected, if Councilwoman Debbie Romak was not elected mayor - a move that may have thrown the city into a special election if the council declined to appoint someone to the seat. Romak lost the election to incumbent Mayor Alan Lambert.

It is legal to send out negative communications to absentee voters, according to state election law.

In Romulus, dedicated absentee voters are coveted among elected officials and those who hope to unseat them. Choate said most of the 17 people seeking public office purchased the list of names on labels or on a CD.

"We have quite a few people that request those names because the people on the list are dedicated voters who suspect they may not be able to make it to the polls," she said. "Typically, we get quite a few requests for those names around election time. Anyone can get a list by asking us at the clerk's office - they don't even have to fill

out a request form."

Miller, a retiree of General Motors, was often at odds with other elected officials, especially Lambert. After he made the decision to rescind his resignation, he told council members that if they failed to withdraw his resignation, police officers would have to remove him from the his seat, according to reports.

The letter cited that incident as a reason to not vote for the then-councilman.

Miller was one of only two incumbents seeking to maintain his council seat in 20 years who did not garner enough votes to win one of seven open seats. He unseated an incumbent councilman in 2001.

New look Senior apartment renovations complete

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A massive reconstruction project at the Twin Towers apartment complex in Inkster has upgraded some outdated units while decreasing the number of public housing units in the city.

Tony Love, the director of Inkster Public Housing, said the ongoing project is completed in one tower and construction will begin on the other.

"We're working to move people from the other tower into the newly renovated units," he said. "This is something we've worked hard on during the last few years. The apartments are more in line with what an older person would find in another community."

The 20-year-old Twin Towers complex on Inkster Road is one of five public housing communities in Inkster, but is the only one set

up to meet the needs of older residents, said Love. Some of the units were as small as 400 square feet. But now, the units measure about 750 square feet, though the number of units has been reduced.

"We want this to be the gold standard for public housing — or apartment living for that matter — in the area."

Tony Love
Director of Inkster
Public Housing

"We've used better materials and made these quite spacious for residents, and there are still some units available," Love said. "We want this to be the gold standard for public housing — or apartment living for that matter — in the area."

The number of city public housing apartments at its five complexes — which include Denby Terrace, Lamoyne Gardens, Parkside Apartments, Canterbury Place and the Twin Towers — has been a point of contention for city officials for many years. Inkster had more public housing than any other community in Wayne County outside of Detroit, accord-



Tony Love and Ernestine Carter sit in the newly-refurbished model unit at the Twin Towers Apartments on Inkster Road.

ing to officials.

Five years ago, the city was home to 858 public housing units. After the work is complete at the Twin Towers, that number will have be about 740 units, Love said.

"There was some pressure (by the city) about the amount of public housing we had, but we ultimately did this because we wanted this to be a better place to live for our residents," he said. "Some of the units we had were too small, and we got to the point where we needed the apartments themselves to be more marketable."

Councilman Ron Johnson said he's happy the number of units is dwindling, but said more needs to

be done.

"I still think we have too much for a city this size, but I think it's moving in the right direction," he said.

Love said the current number of units represents a right-sized scenario for the city.

"We're not going to be able to reduce any more," he said. "We have to be careful when it comes to our funding — we get funding from the government for each unit we have. We have to have enough (units) to run a viable program."

At the Twin Towers complex, 200 units were downsized to 180, Love said. Demolition of the second tower will begin a year from now, and another 20 units will be

eliminated, for a total of 160 apartments.

The reconstruction was paid for using capital improvement funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Love said the reconstruction of all the units has already paid big dividends for Inkster Public Housing and the city as a whole.

"The new resources we've been able to obtain — like more police protection — has brought our crime stats down, and we track that month to month," he said. "That is in part because we can provide better units and provide a better standard of living. That helps us attract better residents."

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OPINION

Well, it's a start

Last week, the Michigan State Senate approved legislation that would prohibit the further importation of Canadian and out of state waste.

It's an important step, but not one to get too excited about, yet. Individual states cannot approve laws that govern interstate—or inter-country—commerce. That requires an act of Congress, and there's no guarantee that that will happen.

Still, this has been an issue that has generated much discussion. An across the board ban on the garbage may work better than some of the other proposals brought forth. One of those noted that Michigan has one of the lowest tipping fees in the nation, so it's only good business sense that brings in the rubbish. That brought up the concept that the fees themselves should be increased to discourage Canadian and other out of state firms from using Michigan as a dumping ground.

The problem with that, though, is that the state is already negatively impacting the revenues of local municipalities. An increase in tipping fees would also hurt them, and that means it would also hurt the average taxpayer, too.

Or would it? Just about everywhere you go, you find a dual-tiered fee structure. Residents of one community pay less to skate at their own rinks than they do at rinks in other communities. It's the same for parks and recreation programs, travel baseball leagues and the like. Would something like that be a better alternative?

Probably not, since the revenue isn't necessarily what we're after here. We just don't want to be known as the dumping ground of the Midwest anymore.

Whether this legislation will accomplish that feat has yet to be seen. It's a good first step, though, if nothing else than a warning shot across the legislative bow.

Hopefully, members of Congress will take this up and add their own punctuation mark to it. State legislators would be wise, though, to start thinking of a Plan B.

Welcome to Westland, again

This is an open letter to the representatives of the CVS Drug Store chain.

To whom it may concern:
Thank you for taking down the gigantic pill bottle from the top of your most recent addition on Cherry Hill and Newburgh Roads in Westland.

We know you usually face a lot of opposition whenever you try to open up a new location just about anywhere. There is a strong sentiment among citizens – and sometimes city officials, as well – that there are enough of these types of operations already. It must be difficult to continually answer the question about why you need to put up a new drugstore within a mile or so of another one.

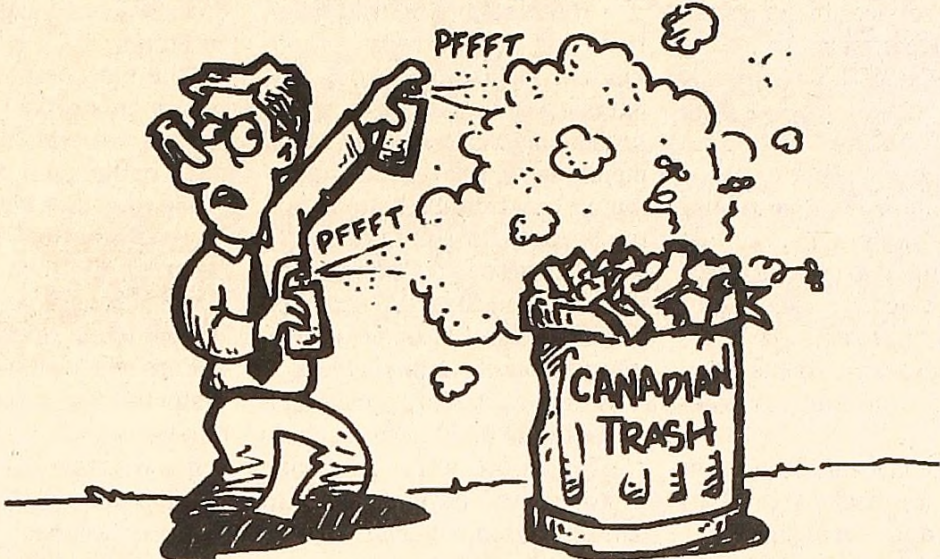
We're in that camp, by the way, but we understand the economics of the industry and how you might not want to turn away customers who would otherwise have to travel a few extra blocks.

Even so, we were a little encouraged when we learned months ago that you would work with city administration to dress up the store beyond the original bland design sketches you showed to the planning commission and city council. The result was a store that called attention to itself and it showed that you placed a little more value on it than you did on pharmacies in other communities. You must be as proud of the new look as the officials in the city were for the cooperative effort that brought it to fruition.

That's also why we were a bit surprised to see the gigantic pill

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I'LL JUST SPRAY ON SOME
STATE LEGISLATION, AND
SEE IF THE PROBLEM GOES AWAY !!



The best of the very best

I'm going to ask a question, explain why I posed it and then offer an answer.

Here's the question: Who do you root for on a team of all-stars?

I ask this question for two reasons. The first is that the city of Wayne is in the process of looking for a new police chief, and City Manager John Zech has seven internal candidates of varying rank to choose from. I'm sure there are favorites in just about every department in the city, each with their own cheering section.

The second is that, on page 2, I have a picture of two police officers, Lt. Jason Wright and Det. Sgt. John Williams, along with a brief story about how they recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.

Why is that an issue? Well, because 'recently' in this case is more than a month ago and some might wonder why I'm running the story now, after an eternity (in the newspaper world) has passed.

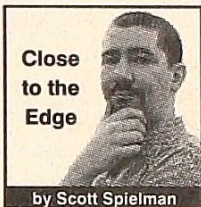
I'll tell you why. When retiring Police Chief Mike Sumeracki first announced their success at a city council meeting, I thought it was pretty cool, and thought about doing a story back then. It's a pretty tough program, after all, and it gives another example of the evolving professionalism of the department. I don't know why I didn't get around to writing the story back then. At any rate, I saw this as a chance to correct that oversight.

So, is there any attempt to push a couple of guys for promotion over the other candidates?

Nope. And I can prove it, after a fashion. I don't know who applied for the spot of police chief, only that seven out of a possible 16 candidates felt confident and qualified enough for the job. I could ask, and Zech would probably tell me, but I think this is a case where the process would be a lot better without my input. Besides, given my luck and my admittedly heavy foot, I'm bound to come into contact with someone whose feelings may be hurt if I support someone else. And since, I haven't run across anyone in the department I don't like, it's best to leave those decisions to the guy who makes the big bucks.

So, who do you root for on a team of all-stars? I root for the whole team. I take confidence in the fact that there are enough qualified people in the department that Zech doesn't have to look outside it. I'm happy that there are enough people in the mix to make his decision a very difficult one, even though I don't envy him for having to make it. In the end, he'll pick whoever he thinks would be the best choice for the city as a whole, even if it ruffles a few feathers in the short term.

The citizens of Wayne should be happy, too, because we do have a team of all stars with a very deep bench.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Officials are missing the point

In the case of the City of Belleville verses Sumpter Township on the Central Dispatch Network (CDN): the verdict is in: It could be too little, too late for Sumpter Township.

OK, so I haven't been around during the past three to four years to hear and see all that has gone on between the two communities on this issue, but from what I have seen in the past 18 months, it seems to me that Sumpter Township is jumping on the chance to negotiate now because the threat of losing police dispatch is closer than ever. Why did it take so long for them to do something about it?

According to the Sumpter Township officials, the CDN issue was something that didn't face the current township board members until recently. When it did, they said they were willing to negotiate. Then at the Belleville City Council meeting last week, Sumpter presented a new CDN cost-sharing formula proposal with a \$5,000 increase for the township, and when Belleville turned it down, Sumpter officials came back and said "What about a counterproposal? We were waiting to hear back from Belleville."

I must also add that sure, my job is to report on issues like this, but this one even confuses me from time to time.

It's obvious that Belleville is hurting for

money, can no longer afford the current costs of the CDN and can't afford a counteroffer. It's all or nothing from Sumpter Township and the dispatch proposal to merge services with Van Buren Township keeps looking better every day to Belleville.

Sure, the voters spoke at the polls on Nov. 8, but maybe the reason they didn't vote 'yes' for the millage increase was the confusion surrounding the issue.

On one side, the officials said that the Headlee Amendment increase could be used to fund police dispatch, however the ballot proposal does not require that dispatch services be continued with Sumpter Township or even that the additional millage be levied for that purpose at all.

On the other side, residents who petitioned to have the millage on the ballot in the first place tried to get the word out to the voters that voting in favor could allow the Belleville police station to remain open 24 hours/7 days a week, keep response time down, maintain a jail in the city and save the jobs of six dispatchers.

But throughout the fight, I think the most



King's Court

by Andrea King

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LETTERS

To the editor:

It deeply troubles me that some recent strife concerning a very few employees and former employees of the Van Buren Fire Department has become so heavily publicized that it casts a disparaging light on one of the finest emergency services in the region, your Fire Department.

In the 14 years I have proudly served as Van Buren's deputy director of public safety (fire chief) there have been major changes in our community and corresponding changes in our department. It is not without some anticipated "growing pains" that these changes have been made. The following are but a few of our organizational advancements:

- Professional certifications in firefighting, medical care, rescue, and hazardous situations are required and provided.
- Training has progressed to a professional level in a multitude of disciplines.
- The emergency vehicle fleet has been upgraded with modern (and expensive) apparatus with extraordinary capabilities.
- New fire stations are on the way to help provide the vast array of community services and multiple public uses.
- Policies and procedures have been created to assure safe and efficient work practices.
- Records and reports have been computerized to allow for better tracking and planning.
- Formalized mutual aid relationships with nearly 40 neigh-

boring fire departments and dozens of related local, state, and federal organizations.

- Emergency management assessments and planning.
- Risk management and risk control procedures developed and implemented.
- Grants have been written resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of new firefighting gear (breathing air packs, firefighting suits, hoses and equipment), medical equipment (automated heart defibrillators), and rescue tools ("Jaws of Life").
- Response to calls for service that have increased nearly 700 percent without a single serious injury to any of our fire fighters.

A duty crew shift providing a cost-effective, 20 hour per day staffing solution for peak-use times that was developed by fire fighters and implemented by the township board of trustees.

Some of the most important functions of the fire department are not readily visible on a daily basis. The stores we shop in, the restaurants we dine in, the churches we worship in, the schools our children are taught in, and the buildings we work in have all been made safer by regulations enforced by fire fighters and by the emergency plans devised as part of their mission. Safety programs are developed and delivered with emphasis on our children and our seniors, those most vulnerable to life's emergencies.

This sampling of "today's" Van Buren Fire Department is the

cumulative result of a lot of hard-working men and women dedicated to Van Buren and its citizens. The fire fighters, administration, elected officials, and a whole list of caring individuals helped to accomplish these complex advancements in a timely manner and within the budgeted financial constraints.

The most important accomplishments of Van Buren's fire fighters are evident to those that have called in a time of need. While we cannot always eliminate a problem that has already occurred, the caring and professional actions of your fire fighters tell the whole story. At a residential fire, vehicle crash, hazardous material release, or a medical emergency, they arrive to take action with the goal of providing a positive outcome. Most of the time they are successful, you need only ask someone that has asked for their help (there are thousands around). In return, a fire fighter's nominal monetary stipend is quickly overshadowed by the true rewards of the job, the broken smile of a child removed from a crashed vehicle, the firm grasp of a senior that is finally feeling relief from a sudden medical affliction, and a tearful hug from a fire victim that is truly thankful for the things that have been saved.

Please continue to support the dedicated men and women of the Van Buren Fire Department, they deserve it!

We wish you all a very safe and joyous holiday season.

Allen M. Smolen
Deputy Director of Public Safety

Dispatch

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important thing of the entire issue has been lost: what about the safety of the people? Since the residents apparently do not want to pay a few extra dollars for their safety, maybe Sumpter

Township will be willing to.

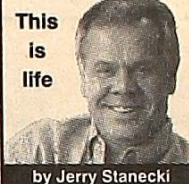
On Dec. 19, Belleville will receive the final negotiation offer from Sumpter Township. The new city council members certainly have a tough decision ahead of them. I just hope that if Sumpter truly wants to keep CDN in Belleville then they will realize they have to make an offer Belleville can afford.

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FROM PAGE 5

bottle show up there. Certainly, such a display would so obvi-

Advice for tough times



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

These are tough times, tough and scary with all of the negative news from the auto industry. What to do? How to handle it all? Here are a couple of thoughts.

When confronted by fear, the very first thing I used to do was react. Today, instead of reacting, I've learned to take action and it makes a world of difference.

Reality is today is all I have, and a blink of an eye can change all that.

For many years, I worried about tomorrow. I'd never heard of living in the moment or living in today. Life changed when friends taught me that now is my chance of a lifetime, because now is all I have. They said my tomorrows and fears of the future were stealing my happiness today. I listened and started practicing.

If I am quick to react to bad news, I feed fear, amplifying it, even though the fear may indeed be based on speculation rather than fact.

What do I mean?

For instance, General Motors says it's closing a dozen plants and cutting 30,000 jobs. The job cuts and plant shutdowns that GM announced pretty much all take place in the future. A half of the plant shutdowns affected are scattered throughout 2006, while the rest look for changes through 2008.

Reaction? Oh my God, I'm going to lose my job today.

Taking action? Today, I'm OK, and if I stay in today I'll feel pretty good, my faith is at work. I have a job, food and shelter today.

Sure, I can start looking for other work, or make plans for the future but I can't plan the outcome. Today, if I stay in today, I'm OK.

The first time I heard "Today is

the first day of the rest of your life." I liked that a lot. There're a lot of silly little sayings, like "One Day at a Time," or "Easy Does It." Fact is they carry no power until you put them to work in your life. It's as Dr. Wayne Dyer said, "When you believe it, you'll see it," rather than "I'll believe it when I see it."

In the 1970s, the auto industry fell on hard times. Imports were kicking our butts; gasoline prices were sky high, and layoffs almost daily. Jeez, sounds like today, doesn't it.

We managed to make it through those hard times, in fact, we did it so well, the geniuses in the auto industry started making huge vehicles called SUVs that sucked gasoline like a fat man sucking on a double chocolate soda. Ignoring our dependency on gasoline and oil, embracing the greed of making big bucks, the industry gave us all the chocolate we wanted, and we bought into it.

So, here we are again.

It's a humbling lesson being presented to industry leaders. American greed, worshiping money and power has led us to the edge. Now, we can either jump, or renew commitment to a quality vs. quantity life.

Time will tell, but for today, it's up to you to answer the knock of fear with faith. Staying in today sure helps.

You can reach Jerry at www.jerry-stanecki.com and/or order his book "Life is a Joke and God wrote it" at P.O. Box 121 Bloomfield Hills, Mi 48301. Save \$4.50 and pay only \$15 with coupon from ad in Journal Newspaper.

ously detract from the quality of the store that whoever may have suggested it would have been laughed out of the corporate boardroom. Or maybe it was only designed to be a temporary thing from the get-go.

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And we'd also like to welcome you to the community. Again.

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Notice of Public Hearing

December 20, 2005

Community Development Block Grant Use of Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Van Buren, Township Board at 7:30 p.m., December 20, 2005 at the Township Hall Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the hearing is to discuss proposed projects for the 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant Program. Total estimated funding for all projects is anticipated to be one hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$132,000).

Comments from the public regarding the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2006 -2007 will be taken.

The program activities to be funded will be administered in accordance with all of the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice. Please notify the Building and Planning Department at 734.699.8913

If you are unable to attend the public hearing you may submit written comments to the Township Clerk's Office until 5:00 PM December 20, 2005.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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CITY OF ROMULUS

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended, for Woolf Aircraft Products, Inc., 6401 Cogswell, Romulus, MI 48174.

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Gil Talbert (left), chair of The Senior Alliance board and Bob Brown, executive director of The Senior Alliance, accept a check for \$19,759 from Yvette Pugh, director of external affairs for SBC, last week.

Seniors group receives grant

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Senior Alliance will soon have some technology to make their jobs easier, and it will come from an organization that knows the field well: SBC.

The company has donated more than \$19,000 to the organization as part of a total of \$550,000 in donations through its Excelsior technology grants.

The grants are designed to help non-profit organizations get the tools they need to better help the communities they serve, either by interactive, web-based activities, technology training programs, high-speed access to internet and email, and more.

"Michigan's nonprofit organizations make a profound difference in our communities and in the lives of people across the country," said Gail Torreano, president of SBC Michigan.

"The concerns of older adults are very important to our organization and to me, personally," added Yvette Pugh, director of external affairs for SBC.

The money will allow the organization, which serves senior citizens throughout Wayne County, to purchase laptop computers for their case managers, according to Bill Campbell, marketing and resource development manager for The Senior Alliance.

Right now, case managers have to fill out an 18-page questionnaire with seniors, and the computers will help streamline the process.

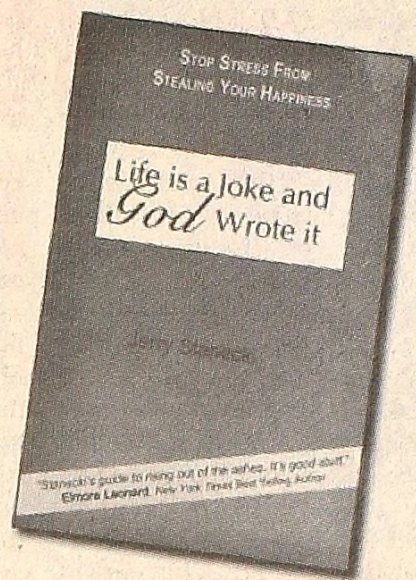
"It takes a lot of time and it reduces the amount of time they can spend with the seniors," he said of the old method.

With computers, the 18-page files can be emailed rather than faxed to the state, too.

"It's a lot more efficient," Campbell said.

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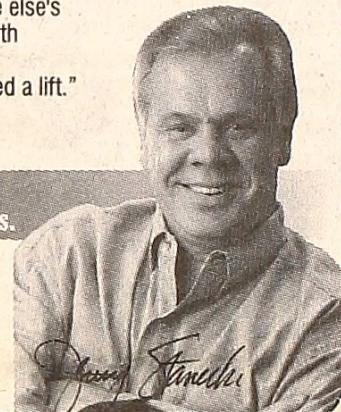
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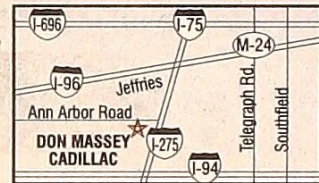


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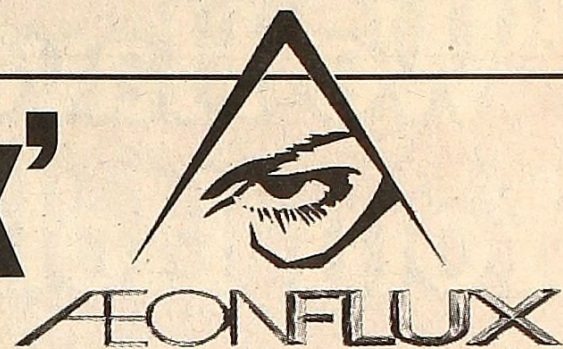
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THE SCENE

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Sci-Fi thriller suffers from Theron-dipity

"Once I had a life. Now I have a mission." *Aeon Flux* (Charlize Theron) mutters those ominous words near the beginning of *Aeon Flux*, a movie based on a cartoon created specifically for MTV.

If I were to hazard a guess, the airing of that cartoon series coincided with a cry from viewers to air more music videos — at least if the movie adaptation is any indicator of the quality.

I only tuned into the cartoon once or twice, and then it was by accident. Bleary-eyed with fatigue and insomnia during the middle of the night, the show didn't make much sense to me. The movie wasn't much better at a more normal time of day, either.

From what I could tell, it takes place about 500 years into the future. A disease has wiped out about 99 percent of humanity, with the rest holding up in the one remaining community on the planet, a place called Bregna. Bregna is the brainchild of Trevor Goodchild (Marton Czokas), who also cured the initial disease and is now looking for a way to cure its most significant side effect.

Some people call Bregna the height of human civilization. After all, pollution is non-existent and everyone gets to walk around in flowing robes with colored umbrellas, strolling through well-maintained gardens as if they didn't have a care in the world.

People are disappearing, however. Others have memories from different lives. A group of rebels springs up called the Monicans, people who can apparently walk around this society without fear of being discovered.

As the top Monican agent, Aeon Flux is called upon to kill Goodchild. Her assignment comes from The Handler (Frances McDormand), who is apparently some kind of spirit that exists only in the minds of Monicans who ingest some kind of drug. Anyway, Aeon enlists the help of fellow Monican Sithandra (Sophie Okonedo), who for some reason has had her feet surgically replaced with another set of hands. I never heard any explanation as to why that would be beneficial, but it didn't seem to slow her down very much. Maybe she liked wearing rings more than shoes.

Anyway, that sets the basic plot in motion and gives the two women plenty of opportunities to somersault through the air, roll on the ground, avoid various threats and confuse the hell out of the audience.

Of course, Aeon can't complete her assignment: she gets close enough to Goodchild, but something stays her hand. It turns out, he may not be such a bad guy, after all, but watch out for his brother, Oren (Johnny Lee Miller).

After Aeon teams up with Trevor, Oren and his cronies spend a good deal of time looking for them, which I also didn't understand because there are apparently cameras everywhere in Bregna that record every action. Why not just watch the videos?

There's not much to like about *Aeon Flux*, and it's easy to see why Michele Rodriguez passed on the title role two years ago. There are some nice special effects and visual backdrops, but they are too few and far between to hold any kind of interest.

It's also a puzzle why solid actors like Theron, McDormand and Pete Postlethwaite (who plays the Keeper) would sign on for a movie like this. Theron, at least, is nice to watch as she puts on her gymnastic exhibitions and tries to suffer through her terrible dialogue.

In fact, Czokas' Trevor Goodchild effectively summed up the entire film when he realized that he and Aeon shared some past connection:

"I don't know what this is, but it's good to see you again," he told her.



Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

SPORTS

Lady Vikes put up fight, but fall in semi-finals

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Inkster's march to a state championship hit a roadblock when they tipped off against Michigan Center last Thursday for a Class C semi-final game at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

What looked to be the year for the Lady Vikings, who dominated every opponent through the regular season, district play and the regional tournament, came to a halt when the undefeated (27-0) Cardinals pulled out the 48-42 victory.

Be it the big game, the big stage or both, nerves were apparent on the younger, inexperienced Inkster team.

"It was a rough one," said Inkster Coach Peggy Carr. "We had a really tough game. Some of our girls were nervous and we never really regrouped. We tried to at the end and brought it to within three, but we got a couple of calls that went the other way

and...couldn't finish."

Nerves may have had their part in the loss, but the Inkster girls showed plenty of fight during the game.

The Lady Vikes started with the lead when Lonnie Terrell split a pair from the line followed by a lay-up from Indiana-bound Michelle Carr for a 3-0 lead. LaTisha Pratt hit a lay-up and then hit two from the line to give Center a 4-3 lead at about the 5:20 mark of the first.

The tentative first period ended with Center leading, 6-5, with a total of 15 turnovers between the teams.

Terrell opened the second quarter by hitting two triples, one from as far as 22 feet, to give Inkster the lead, 11-6. Then Pratt and Natalie Budd - with a triple - evened the score at 11. Courtney Lusk sank both of her free throws with 1:46 left in the half for a 18-16 Center lead.

Carr (9) and Terrell (7) scored all of Inkster's points in the first half. Pratt led Center with 10.

Terrell came out firing again, hitting a double to knot the score

"We had a really good year and I'm really proud of my girls, especially considering we had started the year without enough girls for a whole team and made it all the way to the semi-finals."

at 18 and later put her team up 22-20 off of a steal and lay-up.

Center kept coming, though. At the end of the third, they managed a two-point lead, 31-29.

Lusk and Pratt scored six unanswered points to add to the lead, 37-29. Terrell launched another triple—this one from about 25 feet out—to chop at the lead, 32-37. She and Carr combined for back-to-back doubles,

bringing the Lady Vikings to within three, 36-39, with about 4:00 left. Three points is as close as they would get the rest of the way, including a 45-42 spread with 43 seconds remaining in regulation.

Pratt led Center's offense with 21 points. Lusk added 12 and Natalie Budd, nine. Terrell led Inkster with 19 points and four steals. Michelle Carr, in her last game as a Lady Viking, had a stellar game, finishing with 18 points, 12 rebounds—nine of them defensive—and just missed a triple-double with nine blocked shots. Victoria McGowan added four and Kayla Cooper one point to round out Inkster's scoring.

Although it was a loss, it capped off a tremendous season for the Lady Vikings.

"A lot of us are sad, but we'll be all right—we'll bounce back," Peggy Carr said. "We had a really good year and I'm really proud of my girls, especially considering we had started the year without enough girls for a whole team

and made it all the way to the semi-finals. So I'm really proud of them."

Inkster 52, Saginaw Nouvel 39

To make it to the semi finals, the Lady Vikings defeated Saginaw Nouvel, 52-39, at Chippewa Valley High School last Monday night.

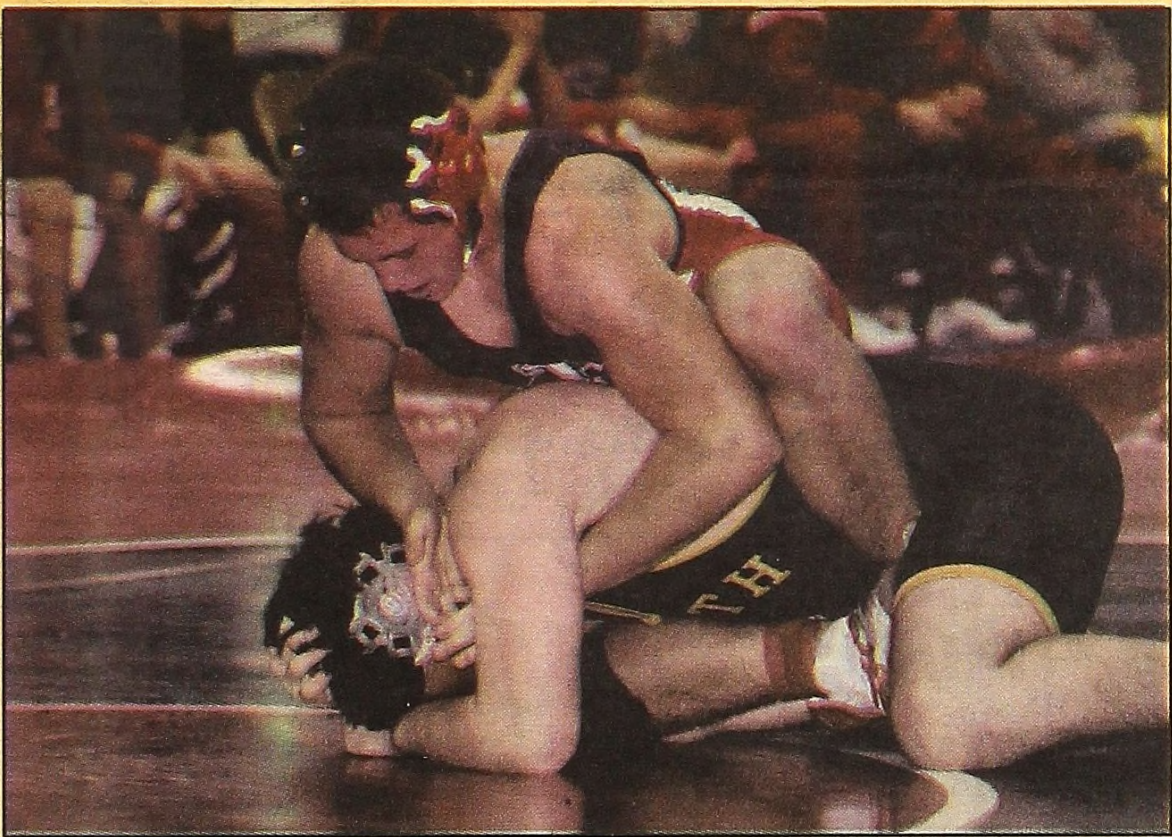
Michelle Carr, Terrell and Brittany Scales, who all played for and won the state championship last year with Detroit DePorres, combined for 39 points in the victory.

DePorres closed its doors this past spring and the girls were forced to move on. Inkster was the lucky recipient of the three standouts.

Inkster led 17-7 after one quarter and 28-19 at the halfway point. Inkster maintained the nine-point lead, 37-28, at the end of three and put the game away with a 15-point fourth quarter.

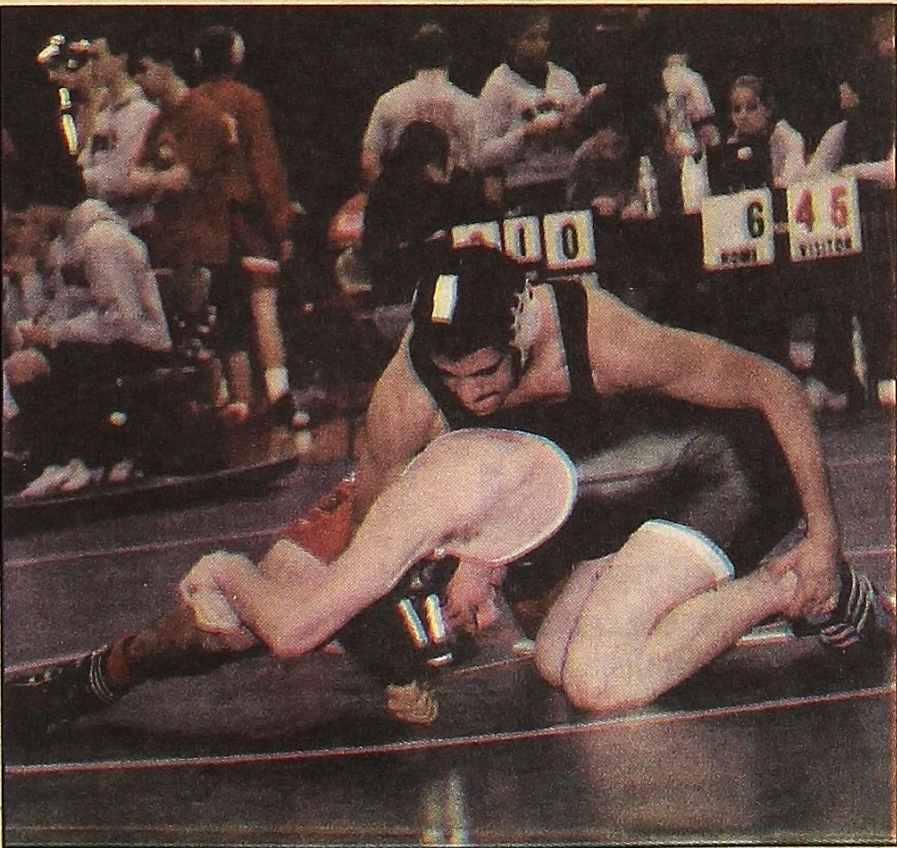
Terrell led with 14. Michelle Carr added 13 and Scales 12.

Kelly Kretz led Nouvel with 13 and Rebekkah Rapin added 11.



Wrestle mania

John Glenn hosted their Rocket Wrestling Invitational last Saturday, which included teams such as Belleville (right), Grosse Point South, Romeo and Monroe. Livonia Franklin won the tournament with Glenn (above) landing in fifth place. The Rockets head to Garden City at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday. Belleville will participate in the Salem Invite at 9 a.m. on Saturday.



Canton icers top Western, improve record

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After losing their first two games of the season at the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational, Canton skaters turned things around and captured their first victory last Saturday.

A three-goal second period earned the Chiefs a 4-3 win against the Walled Lake Western Warriors at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Canton went on the board first with a tally from Pat Gallagher at the 11:18 mark of the first period. Donny Barlow notched the lone assist on the play. It was a 1-1 tie at the end of the session.

Canton got its offense going in the second, scoring three unanswered

goals. At 11:39, defensemen Cory Hames, with an assist from forward Brett Giacomino, made it a 2-1 game. Then Gallagher scored his second of the day to extend the Chiefs' lead, 3-1. Forward Justin Ward earned the assist on the play.

Giacomino earned his second point of the contest with the eventual game-winner at the 2:00 mark of the period.

Western scored two goals in the third period but Canton held them off for the victory.

Nick Kenney had three-point night for the Warriors with two

goals and an assist. Jason Norville scored the other Western goal.

Canton net minder Kevan Swanberg faced 21 shots, stopping 18 of them to earn the win.

"We played pretty well with the exception of the last 10 minutes," said Canton Coach Mike Behen.

"The kids are starting to come around pretty quickly, picking up things they need to do to be successful. They're handling the puck better and keeping the

number of shots against us down."

He said the goal right now is to keep shots against to fewer than 24 and so far they have done that, he said.

"They're just played a lot more disciplined than they have previously," he said.

Behen is even impressed with his young group of goalies.

"Our goaltending is inexperienced but doing really well," he said. "They're working hard; they're gamers."

"This is just a fun team to coach," he added. "They know in order to do well they have to come together really close and outwork everybody else and those are things that kids need to do."

Canton hosts Chelsea at 8 p.m. this Saturday at the Arctic Edge in Canton Township.

"We played pretty well, with the exception of the last 10 minutes."

**Canton Coach
Mike Behen**

SPORTS

Belleville Tigers ready for season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers hope they can keep their streak of five league championships going this year.

It could be a difficult task this year for Head Coach Mike Krogel without his three guards from last year. The squad lost Anre Partee, Isaac Kindell and Josh Samarco to graduation after last season.

"Losing three guards is going to be a challenge," Krogel said. "We have to fill the spots with guys that will make decisions and knock down some shots. That's why we're not sure about some of those spots."

Another notable loss was last year's junior forward Tommie Clark who, with returning forward phenom Leon Freeman, combined for some hefty numbers last season. Clark moved and transferred to neighboring rival Romulus High School.

"With Tommie gone, it just opens up another opportunity for someone else to step in and get a chance to play," Krogel said. "Freeman is going to get a lot of attention from both the media and the other teams."

"My style is typically no to one kid as the focus because you're tougher that way," he added. "But when teams do key on him, that's when other guys will have to step up."

The only other starter that's returning with significant minutes, along with the 6-foot-4 Freeman, is senior guard Carlos Clark.

Senior forward Mike Donaldson is also returning along with 6-foot-6 senior center Mike Gibson—both earned valuable minutes last year. Guard Josh Lemons made the roster for his senior year and senior

"We just need our seniors to play hard all of the time and to get the juniors in tune with what we're doing."

Coach Mike Krogel

center James Bell will help out at the post.

Underclassmen include returning junior guard Caral Dial; new junior guards Jordan Eastman, Darius Hardrick and Marius Williams; and junior forwards Brian Zantop, Jarrett Stovall, Anthony Wafer and Randle Green.

"We just need our seniors to play hard all of the time and to get the juniors in tune with what we're doing," Krogel said. "We can't look too far ahead. We have to take it one step at a time and get better each time. I like our chances but a lot of things have to happen for us to make it."

Belleville kicked off the season against Inkster on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. The Tigers' first home game is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Belleville also received an invitation to play in the 2005 Meijer Holiday Hoops Invitational at Michigan State University's Breslin Center at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29. Tickets will cost \$7 and will be good for the entire day—five games, starting at noon. Tickest for the event can be purchased at the Breslin Center. Net proceeds from the event will benefit the Coaches for Kids and Athletes 4 Kids Funds to build and operate a new emergency room at Sparrow Hospital.

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SPORTS

Brampton overcomes Whalers, 4-3

Try as they might, the Plymouth Whalers' late rally in Sunday's match against the Brampton Battalion didn't get them the much-needed win to stay in first place of the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Brampton came from behind twice and withstood the rally to upend the Whalers, 4-3, at the Powerade Centre in Brampton.

Plymouth slid to second place in the division with a record of 14-10-1-3, good for 32 points—two points behind Saginaw.

Brampton's captain Wojtek Wolski—who started the season in the National Hockey League with the Colorado Avalanche—led the Brampton comeback with a pair of goals as the game's first star. Michael Vernace and Luke Lynes also scored for the Battalion.

Plymouth defenseman Steve Ward figured in on all three Whaler goals, scoring one and assisting on the others. Evan Brophey scored his first as a Whaler since coming over in a trade with Belleville last month. John Vigilante scored the other Plymouth goal.

Brophey gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 18:46 of the first period when he tapped in a pass from Ward. Brampton then tied things up on a controversial goal as time expired in the frame. Vernace put the puck in Plymouth's net but the blue light appeared to go off first, signaling the end of the first period before the puck crossed the line. Referee Sean McQuigge waved the goal off at the end of the period but then reversed the call during the intermission, awarding Vernace the goal at 19:59.

That didn't stop the Whalers, though.

Vigilante gave Plymouth the lead, 2-1, on a power play at 9:38 of the second period when his shot beat Brampton goaltender

Daren Machesney. The one-goal advantage was short-lived as Wolski went to work. He knotted the contest with a power-play tally at 11:53 and scored another at 18:49 to overtake the lead, 3-2.

Lynes scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 7:06 of the third period when snapped his shot past Whalers' goaltender Ryan Nie to give his Battalion a 4-2 lead. Ward then cut the deficit to 4-3 with 2:01. But Plymouth couldn't find the equalizer.

Plymouth has lost four of their last five and will try to turn things around at 7:30 tonight when they play in Sarnia against the Sting. The Whalers are home at 7:30 pm on Saturday against Owen Sound.

Rangers 7, Whalers 3

The Kitchener Rangers took a 1-0 first-period lead and added four unanswered tallies in the second period to defeat the Whalers, 7-3, in Plymouth on Saturday.

Dan Collins, James Neal and Jared Boll each scored a goal for the Whalers.

IceDogs 0, Whalers 4

A combination of excellent goaltending, penalty killing and offense spelled the difference as the Whalers defeated the Mississauga IceDogs, 4-0, in a home contest on Friday night.

Nie stopped 45 shots for his first shutout of the season and fifth of his career. Whaler penalty killers—ranked third in the OHL with an 83.8 success ratio—killed off all 11 Mississauga power play attempts.

Vigilante scored two goals for Plymouth. He leads the Whalers with 14 goals and 34 assists for 48 points. His game-winning goal puts him at 25 in his career, which is tops on the all-time career list for the team.

Ward added a score with an assist and James Neal added a goal for Plymouth.



Romulus Head Basketball Coach Nate Oats (middle) is looking forward to the 2005-06 season with returning members from last year's state finalist team, Devin Searcy (left) and Dominique Buckley.

Romulus Basketball back in action

After a stellar year and a trip to the state championship finale on the big stage at Michigan State University's Breslin Center, the Romulus Eagles are ready to hit the hardwood in search of what they fell just short of last year—a state Championship.

Romulus lost a lot of experience from last year's finals team. Starting point guard Jerret Smith is off at the University of Michigan and Geryn Reese, Avery Stephenson, Dante Williams and Jason Gibson have all moved on.

The team still has sophomore point guard Dominique Buckley and 6-foot-9 junior center Devin Searcy.

The team is also reloaded with transfers including Tommie Clark from last year's Belleville squad.

Will it be enough?

Romulus kicked off their season with a non-conference match against Wyandotte on Tuesday but the results

were not available at press time. They head to Wisconsin's Concordia College to face Milwaukee South this Saturday.

They won't hit the court again until 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 when they head to Monroe for their first conference game. Their first home contest is against Pontiac Northern at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Romulus High School will also be host to the Romulus Winners Circle Classic Challenge of Champions on Friday, Dec. 30.

In Session 1, Detroit Crockett will play Detroit Finney at 11 a.m.; Detroit Mackenzie will play Benton Harbor at 1 p.m. and Romulus will play Detroit Country Day at 3 p.m.

Session 2 will pit Detroit Northwestern against Robichaud at 6:30 pm and Detroit Martin Luther King against Ypsilanti at 8:30 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2005 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-401

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 7, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Barden, Bragg, Crout.
Motion Carried.

05-402

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and approve the request from Midfield Concession Enterprises, Inc. and Wayne County Airport Authority to drop Concessions Michigan, LLC as co-license and add Midfield Concession Enterprises, Inc. as co-licensee in 2005 Class C licensed business with new official permit (food) to be known as Max and Ermas. Req. #321949.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - Crova.
Motion Carried.

05-403

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and approve the request from Airport Lodges, Inc. to transfer stock in 2005 B-Hotel licensed business with official permit (food) and 126 rooms by dropping George Anton a/k/a Najib Anton as stockholder thru transfer of his 2,500 shares of stock to new stockholder, Thamer Gasso. Req. #322388.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-404

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendations of City Attorney Ray Gazall and City Assessor Julie Albert to authorize the Mayor, City Treasurer, and City Attorney to enter into various consent judgments with Detroit Edison and Mich Con (Michigan Consolidated Gas Company) for the years 1997 through 2008 ; administratively phased through the year 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-405

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution for Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla and Debbie Romak for their years of service as Romulus City Council Members.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-406

4C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to recognize the following new City administration:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer
Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem
William Wadsworth, Chairman
LeRoy Burcroff, Councilman
Ellen Craig- Bragg, Councilwoman
John Barden, Councilman
William A. Crova, Councilman
Harry Crout, Councilman
Terms November 2005 through November 2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-407

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway; D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and award Bid 05/06-16, 752 Tree Stump Cutter to the lowest bidder, Vermeer of Michigan in the amount

\$32,750.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-408

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-10 to reflect a reduction in anticipated revenues and adjusts’ expenditures by reallocating two (2) employees and reducing other expenses.

FUND/DEPT. BUDGET	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Major Roads				
Revenues:				
202-4200-512.57-60 State Shared Revenue		1,122,953	123,396)	999,557
202-4200-512.57-82 Transportation Grant		1,200,000	(1,200,000)	0
Expenditures:				
202-4210-742.70-20 Salaries & Fringes		174,937	(29,308)	145,629
202-4210-742.71-10 Overtime		34,000	(4,000)	30,000
202-4210-742.72-10 Social Security		13,326	(2,065)	11,261
202-4210-742.72-20 Medicare		3,116	(484)	2,632
202-4210-742.72-30 Retirement		16,618	(2,784)	13,834
202-4210-742.72-40 Health Insurance		45,348	(9,192)	36,156
202-4210-742.72-50 Dental Insurance		3,870	(677)	3,193
202-4210-742.72-60 Life Insurance		342	(60)	282
202-4210-742.72.70 Long-Short Term Disab.		1,344	(188)	1,156
202-4210-742.72-80 Worker’s Comp.		21,396	(2,917)	18,479
202-4210-742.77-30 Contractual Services		2,120,000	(1,500,000)	620,000
202-4290-742.92-03 Transfer to Local Streets		280,738	(30,849)	249,889
Fund Balance:				
202-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance		1,385,568	259,128	1,644,696
Local Streets				
Revenues:				
202-4300-512.57-60 State Shared Revenue		419,231	(44,887)	374,344
203-0000-699.92-02 Transfer in from MajorSts.		280,738	(30,849)	249,889
Expenditures:				
203-4310-743.70-20 Salaries & Fringes		262,347	(43,961)	218,386
203-4310-743.71-10 Overtime		51,000	(11,000)	40,000
203-4310-743.72-10 Social Security		19,844	(2,942)	16,902
203-4310-743.72-20 Medicare		4,642	(689)	3,953
203-4310-743.72.30 Retirement		24,927	(4,177)	20,750
203-4310-743.72-40 Health Insurance		68,022	(13,788)	54,234
203-4310-743.72-50 Dental Insurance		5,808	(1,008)	4,800
203-4310-743.72-60 Life Insurance		516	(90)	426
203-4310-743.72-70 Long-Short Term Disab.		2,023	(288)	1,735
203-4310-743.72-80 Worker’s Comp.		31,862	(4,376)	27,486
203-4310-743.73-05 Operating Supplies		123,000	(3,700)	119,300
203-4310-743.74.81 Storm Drain Reconst.		11,000	(5,000)	6,000
203-4310-743.76-10 Membership & Dues		2,000	(2,000)	0
203-4310-743.77-30 Contractual Services		5,000	(2,800)	12,200
203-4310-743.77-31 Other Contractual Services		51,000	(3,000)	48,000
203-4310-743.77-39 Engineering Fees		35,000	(15,000)	20,000
Fund Balance:				
203-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance		197,262	38,083	235,345

To reflect a reduction in anticipated revenues and adjust expenditures by reallocating 2 employees and reducing other expenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-409

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-11 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General fund				
Expenditures:				
101-3810-738.77-30 Contractual Services		51,000	13,200	64,200
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance		2,977,148	APPROPRIATE (13,200)	BALANCE 2,963,948

To proceed with necessary amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for Contractual Rezoning and the City Code of Ordinances to amend and update the Land Division (Subdivision) Regulations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-410

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to concur with Mayor Lambert and appoint Mr. Rich Baldwin and Ms. Madeline Arkuski, terms expiring June 24, 2012; Mr. Jim Forth, term expiring June 24, 2010 and re-appoint Mr. Jack Trumble term expiring June 24, 2011 to the Officer Compensation Commission.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-411

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden in accordance with Section 6.3 © of the Romulus City Charter, to appoint Councilman William Wadsworth as Chairman Pro-Tem.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Wadsworth.

Motion Carried.

05-412

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg in accordance with Sec. 6-4 of the Romulus City Charter regular meetings of the Romulus City Council shall be held on the first, second, and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-413

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Obituaries

BRIGGS, Jeremy
Jeremy Richard Briggs, 23, a lifelong resident of Ypsilanti, died Nov. 14.
Among his survivors are his parents, Richard (Jennifer) Briggs of Westland and Annette (Ostrowski) Briggs of Ypsilanti; siblings, Amanda and Jeffrey Brigss, both of Ypsilanti, Thomas, Chris, Timothy and Cameron Briggs, all of Westland; his maternal grandmother, Martha Ostrowski of Belleville; paternal grandparents Richard and Heddy Briggs of Rose City; several aunts, uncles and cousins, and a niece, Isabel Briggs of Ypsilanti.
Mr. Briggs was a member of High Point Community Church in Ypsilanti. He participated in and won several medals in the Special Olympics. He enjoyed being a disc-jockey on a Washtenaw radio station.
Funeral services were at New Life Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Shawn Hess and Pastor Rocky Lindley officiating.
Interment was at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

Pastor Robert J. White officiating.
Interment was at the Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

POLKA, Andrew
Andrew P. Polka, Jr., 83, of Romulus, died Nov. 22.
Among his survivors are his wife, Eleanor A. (Keskinen) Polka; children, Barbara (John) Chenoweth of New Mexico, Joe (Krysalis) Polka of Washington; Frank Polka of Indiana and Pete (Andrea) Polka of Plymouth; brothers, Josphe (Delores) Polka of Redford Township, Walter (Gertrude) Polka of Tennessee, and six grandchildren.
Mr. Polka was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired from Marathon Oil Co. and was a lifetime member of the Romulus VFW 9568.
He was also a member of the 96th Infantry Division Retirees.
Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Father Festus Ejimadu of St. Aloysius Catholic Church officiating.
Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

MCLAUGHLIN, April
April Ann McLaughlin, 46, a life-long resident of Belleville, died Nov. 22.
Among her survivors are her mother, Sharon Jean (Vickers) McLaughlin of Belleville; brothers, Dwayne McLaughlin of Jackson and Dean McLaughlin of Detroit; an aunt, Linda Grayless of Belleville, uncles, Danny Vickers and Donald Vickers, both of Jackson; a sister-in-law, Joyce McLaughlin of Belleville, and several other aunts, uncles and cousins.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with

MEISEL, Elaine
Elaine Marie Meisel, 62, of Arizona, formerly of Willis, died Nov. 20.
Among her survivors are her husband, Daniel Meisel; her children, Carrie (Daniel) Trammell of Willis, Chris Moulds and Gary Moulds, both of Osseo; a step-son, Daniel “Butch” (Essie) Meisel of Southgate; sisters, Diane (Ziggy) Meitner and Jeannie Townrow, both of Canada, and nine grandchildren.
A memorial service was at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.
Cremation rites were accorded.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 36 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$11,179.16. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk’s Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m on **December 20, 2005**.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order as the official form of parliamentary procedure.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-414

6A4. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to appoint Councilmen Gear, Wadsworth and Burcroff to the Advisory Appointment Committee.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-415

6A5. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden in accordance with MCL 87.10 to concur with the recommendation of City Clerk Linda Choate and reappoint Eva Webb as Deputy City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-416

6A6. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to appoint Councilman Burcroff as Council Representative to the Planning Commission with term to expire November 14, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-417

6A8. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to appoint Harry Crout as the Council representative on the City Employee Pension Committee, term to expire November 14, 2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crout.
Motion Carried.

04-418

6B1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported Barden in accordance with MCL 87.10 to concur with the recommendations of City Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey and reappoint Michelle Barber as Deputy City Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-419

6B2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution designating Comerica Bank of Detroit and National City Bank as depositories in which the funds for the City of Romulus will be deposited. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk’s office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-420

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 05-21 in the grand total amount of One Million, Two Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Forty Nine Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$1,227,549.63).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 14, 2005.

Linda R. Choate
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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10. Coming Events

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1G2WJ14T0KF315161

1995 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP5244SG260391

1994 Ford 4 Dr
1FAPP36XSRK250261

1986 Mercury 4 Dr
2MEBP95F5GX629561

1996 Chevrolet PU
1GCCS144XT8209102

1987 Chevrolet SW
1GNDM15Z1HB124532

1994 Buick 4 Dr
1G4AG550R6401742

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1MEPM6246PH608833

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2FTJW35G2JCA57644

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1G2H252K2S4283814

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3FAKP1131XR156275

1989 Honda 4 Dr
1HGCA5634KA094455

1996 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP52U2TG298655

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1FASP11J8SW387596

1990 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3XC5637LD708166

1991 Ford PU
1FTDF15Y2MLA72097

1999 Jeep SW
1J4FY29P2XP484067

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2G3AL54R3L2308607

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1GBDM19W8TB156397

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1FALP52U4SG319357

1998 Dodge 2 Dr
1B3ES42Y2WD626128

1997 Hyundai 2 Dr
KMJHG24M7V4045408

1995 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP653XSK127320

1994 Ford SW
1FMCA11U0RZA57840

1989 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1AW51R5K6147100

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Garden City, MI 48135

December 20, 2005
9:00 AM

1980 Kawasaki
Motorcycle
KZT00A525520

2000 Ford Ranger
Pick-up
1FTZR15V5YTB33760

On December 17, 2005, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1993 Ford 2 Dr
1FACP40M6PF113435
#44-668-05

1993 Lincoln 2 Dr
1LNCM92E5NY679783
#44-885-05

1991 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2JC14K6M7649879
#44-962-05

1996 Oldsmobile 4 Dr
1G3WH52M0TF314801
#44-983-05

2000 Dodge 4 Dr
2B3HD46R5YH445850
#44-1013-05

1996 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3EJ46XNTN113784
#44-1014-05

1990 Toyota 4 Dr
4T1SV21E3LU2687889
#44-1043-05

2002 Ford VN
1FTSE34LX2HA05842
#44-1011-05

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1991 Chevrolet PU
1GCDG14Z5ME193066
#44-953-05

1990 Ford PU
1FTCR10A8LUB95571
#44-956-05

1992 Ford VN
1FDEE14N9NHB24551
#44-959-05

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1G2NW14A7LC290127
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#44-980-05

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#44-987-05

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1G4AN37Y3DH485062
#44-989-05

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#44-1000-05

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1G4HP52L6RH536691
#44-1028-05

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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4 Dr Brown
1LNB81F1KY657470

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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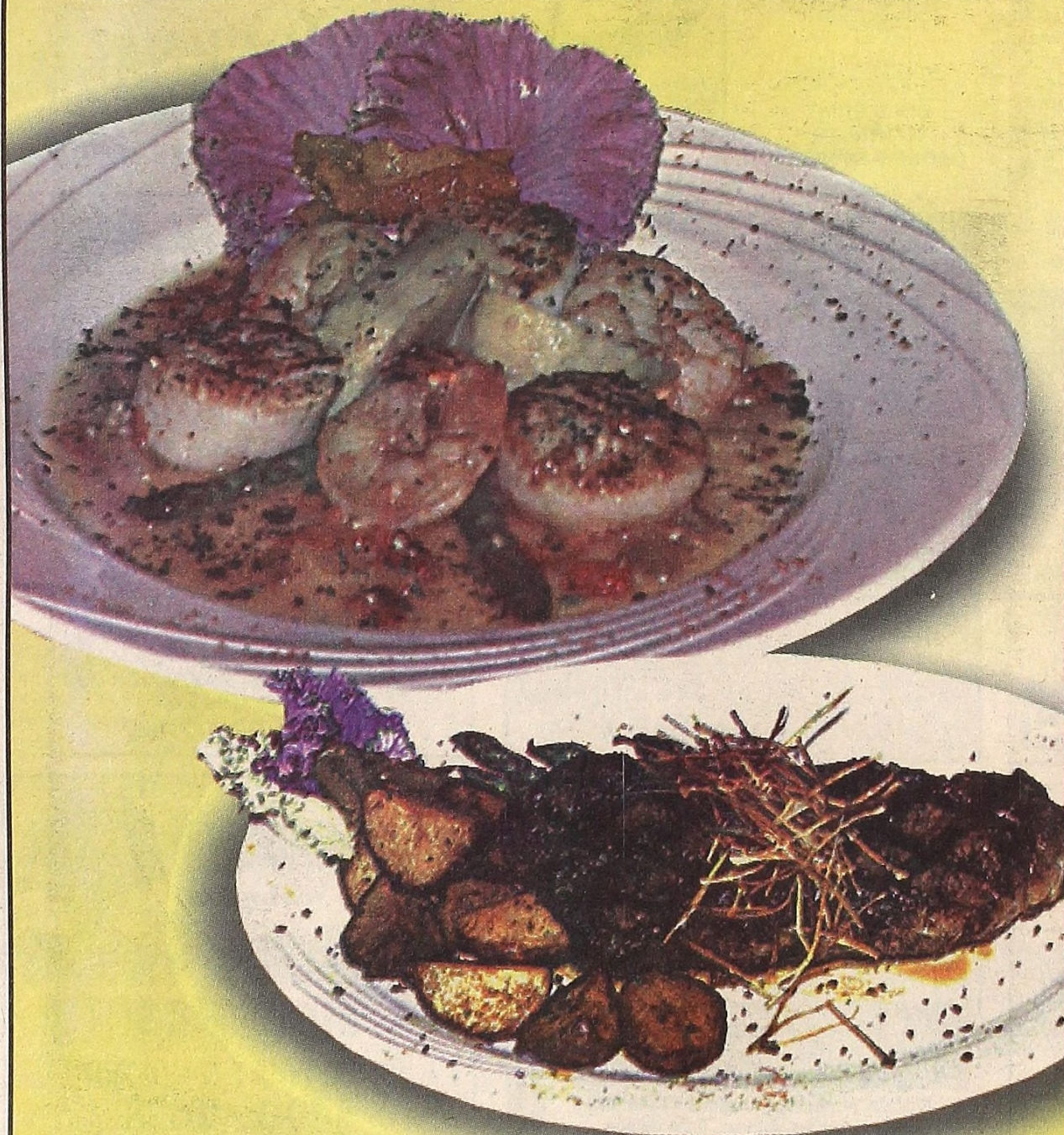
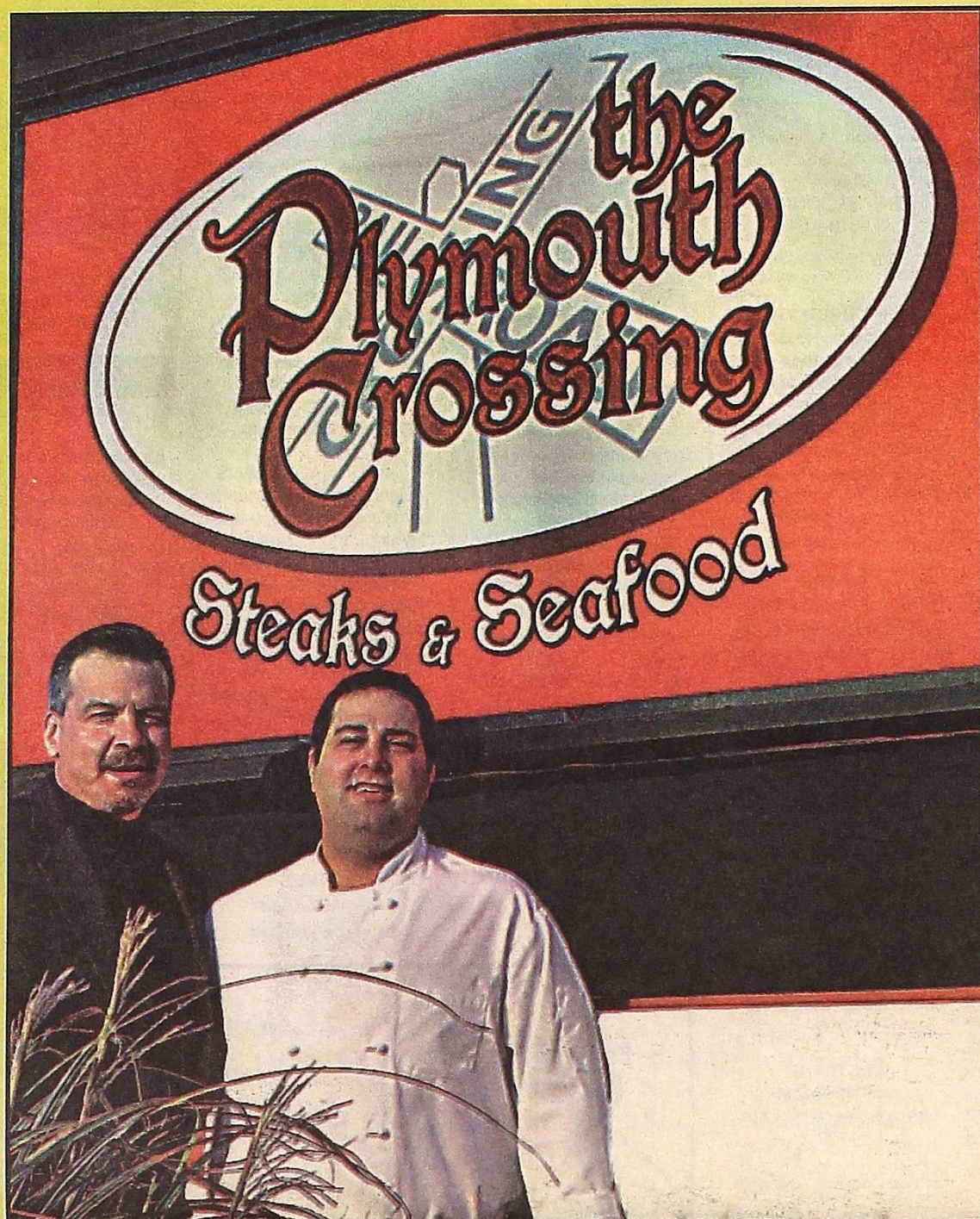
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